

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 57

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Allen S. Gebhardt on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those public servants who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves during their careers and performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, one such venerable person is Allen S. Gebhardt, the Assistant Executive Director for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), who has served the state of Tennessee with distinction for thirty years and has announced that on January 31, 2007, he will be taking a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gebhardt is a native Tennessean, who grew up in Nashville and attended Two Rivers High School and later Tennessee Technological University, with a great fondness for Nashville and all its values and traditions; and

WHEREAS, Allen Gebhardt started his career at the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency in 1977 as the Chief of Administrative Services and, having performed his duties with acumen and alacrity, later assumed the position of Assistant Executive Director, which position he has held from 1983 to the present; and

WHEREAS, during Allen's tenure with TWRA, he has garnered widespread respect for his financial management abilities and knowledge of the state budgeting process; and

WHEREAS, he has played a vital role in the legislative process, representing the TWRA by facilitating communication with legislators regarding boating and wildlife issues across the state, while always maintaining a positive, friendly, timely and responsive nature to every member of the General Assembly who requested his assistance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gebhardt has managed the sportsmen's dollars in exemplary manner to assure continued well being of the many wildlife programs operated by the TWRA; and

WHEREAS, Allen S. Gebhardt epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud him for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens and specially recognize him for his manifold achievements on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Allen S. Gebhardt for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt good wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.